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Response under 37 CFR 1.116
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Group: 3618

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: BERNHARD RIEPLER EXAMINER: BRYAN FISCHMANN
SERIAL NO.: 09/831,658 GROUP: 3618
FILED: MAY 11, 2001
FOR: FLEXIBLE CONNECTION BETWEEN SPORTS DEVICE AND SHOE

SECOND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

MAIL STOP AF
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Further to the amendment filed July 29, 2004, please amend
the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5.

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